



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

“If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put the foundations under them”. *Henry David Thoreau*

It has been one month since the South Shore Charter Educational Foundation began the Annual Fund drive. As of today, the Annual Fund has raised over seven thousand dollars donated and pledged by families and friends dedicated to the mission of the South Shore Charter Public School. Thank you to all who have contributed.

Our work is not done. We need the support of the entire school community to sustain our rigorous academic programs, as well as our innovative fine arts, music, and foreign language programs. This year the academic achievements of our student body include:

- 41% qualification rate for the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship
- Ranked eleventh in the state for achievement on the 2010 Grade 10 Mathematics MCAS
- 100% of graduates meeting college readiness requirements of the Massachusetts High School Program of Studies

Academic achievement of this level requires support far greater than what is publicly funded. It is your contributions that make a difference in supporting our mission of inspiring every child to excel. Your generosity provides the financial resources needed to ensure educational opportunity for all our students. Your support building the foundation enables our students to reach their castles in the air.

Alicia Savage

Wednesday	11/03	Golf Tournament/Auction Committee	6:00pm
Thursday	11/04	School Council	3:45pm
Thursday	11/04	Family Literacy Night	6-7pm
Thurs – Sat	11/04-11/06	Annual Book Fair	
Saturday	11/06	Parents Association Meeting	10:00am
Sunday	11/07	Parents Association Sponsors Holiday Fair – see below for details	
Monday	11/08	Development Committee	5:00pm
Monday	11/08	Personnel Committee	6:00pm
Wednesday	11/10	Green Team	4:30pm
Thursday	11/11	Veteran’s Day – No School	
Saturday	11/13	Enrollment Open House	1-3pm

K-6 PRINCIPAL REPORT

Yesterday our teachers were busy in professional development workshops. Professional development days can be a challenge for families as work schedules and routines are altered. It is our responsibility to use the time wisely as a school to assure that the learning and work that goes on make our students' lives and education better. Teacher effectiveness has been found to be the single most important factor in improving student learning; professional development is a key to teacher effectiveness.

The commitment and seriousness of our teachers was evident all day yesterday. We worked collectively on strengthening numerous aspects of our teaching by improving curriculum, instruction, social climate, and assessments. At SSCPS our most important strength is the quality of our teachers and one advantage of having such talented and committed teachers is that they can work on needs that are specifically targeted to their students' needs. Yesterday those needs were a better aligned curriculum, improved social skills and explicit work on improving instruction.

I too spent my day in professional development. In the afternoon I sat in with the vocabulary instruction delivered by an outside expert and in the morning I was part of a twenty member group that was studying Collaborative Problem Solving. I want to describe a bit about the Collaborative Problem Solving because it is part of the School Improvement Plan that was developed by the School Council last spring and is a major initiative here at SSCPS this year. It is a program developed by Dr. Ross Greene and is a system of helping all students to succeed in school. We are excited to be in the process of adopting it here at SSCPS. Our school psychologist Sarah O'Loughlin led the group workshop. I was inspired by the faculty's commitment to making all of our students' lives better and by their hard questions about how we can learn and apply Collaborative Problem Solving here at SSCPS. Here is what teachers wrote:

"I am excited about all the advantages that CPS brings, including a calmer, more caring environment... using a more empathic approach with children ... children in turn will be able to utilize and internalize the process for their own future as they mature."

"I am excited that CPS can empower students to identify and solve their own problems. CPS seems to be a tool that, if used correctly, will allow students to be listened to, cared for in a genuine way, and to increase their feeling of control and their ability to be responsible for their own problems and solutions to those problems."

"I am excited about looking at any problem with a different perspective. Addressing any issue with this program gives us a better foundation to build upon. I especially like the statement, 'Kids do well if they can.'"

These quotes from teachers reveal some of the essential principles of Collaborative Problem Solving. Angie Pepin, Sarah O'Loughlin and I were fortunate enough to have spent three days learning from Ross Greene last summer as part of our professional development and I am so grateful to Sarah for so expertly leading our training yesterday.

This Saturday at the Parents' Association Meeting I will briefly describe Ross Greene's work and look forward to explaining more. To learn more about Collaborative Problem Solving please look it up on the web at www.livesinthebalance.org.

Reminder: Family Literacy Night is tomorrow night from 6:00 – 7:00.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Parent Association Holiday Fair is this Sunday, November 7th!
12 noon - 4pm at the Rockland Eagles Hall, 29 Park St. in Rockland.**

Vendors include Coffinwife Creations, Mono Mono Boutique, Pampered Chef, Lia Sophia, Tastefully Simple, the Jive Booth and many more local business and artisans! Come jump start your holiday shopping and support our school at the same time! Pass the word and help make this event a success!

SUNDANCE HERE WE COME...

Congratulations to everyone who voted for our students in the FilterForGood Film Project. We won! South Shore Charter Public School will now be featured in a Sundance documentary directed by Amy Grappell. More information will be forthcoming so please stay posted on the latest news from Sundance. A very special thank you to Heather Dans, enthusiasm personified, who entered the idea *Kids Can Green the World*.

LUNCH ORDERS

Enclosed are the November Breakfast and Lunch menus as well as the order forms. Orders are due Tuesday, November 9th by 3pm.

ART NEWS

Heads up!!! **Original Works** arrive home this week. It's time to look for your students' art work in the book bag. Orders are due back next **Monday, November 8th**. Please have your child drop completed **order form, check** and their **art** in the collection envelope in **their Pod**. Purchased items will arrive before our December break. Questions, call Marianne at x304.

Please check out the www.mass.gov/dph/hcworkfocecenter and see **High School Junior Art student Kolin Perry's** work. Kolin designed the logo which sits on the cover page of this site. Great job Kolin, what a nice compliment to your portfolio!!!!

PE/GOLF

Thanks to anyone who dropped off golf clubs. **Level IV** was glad to get a round in before the cold weather hit. The students used the back upper field as a driving range and then played a four hole pitch and putt using the part of the campus that is adjacent to the tetherball and front of the building. We are now all set with clubs! Thanks you again!!

PROJECTS & WORKSHOPS

In the Level IV, A Healthy You Project, students have been focusing on conditioning. We have been hiking at Wompatuck State Park and have completed several fitness tests, which consist of a 1 mile run, sit-ups and push-ups. The goal of the fitness tests are to see if students are able to improve their fitness levels throughout the year, as well as look at outside factors that may affect their results. We are also volunteering at Holly Hill Farm, where we are learning about local farming and harvesting. This winter we plan on visiting the Hanover YMCA, local food pantries, the Greater Boston Food Pantry, and the Science Museum to see the body exhibit.

ON THE LEVELS

SAYING OF THE WEEK:

Level 1: "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again."

Level 2: "Laugh and the world laughs with you."

REMINDER FOR ALL PARENTS – If your child will be absent, please call 781-982-4202 ext. 100 to report the absence. Thank you.

LIBRARY

Book Fair with Story Book Cove

Our book fair with Story Book Cove will be November 4 - 6. We are looking for a few volunteers to help at the book fair from 8am until 2:30pm. Please contact Melissa Freitas as MelissaFreitas@msn.com for more information.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS & INFORMATION

- ❖ The next Parent Association meeting will be Saturday, November 6th. Agenda is attached.
- ❖ Yeemay Miller is heading up the Health and Safety committee and is looking for volunteers to work on a number of projects including reviewing the lunch and breakfast programs. Interested people can contact her: yeemay@verizon.net

- ❖ *Please note calendar change* –To honor the first night of Hanukkah the PA meeting for December has been rescheduled to the 8th of December.

AUCTION & GOLF TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the Golf Tournament and Auction Committee is Wednesday, November 3rd at 6:00 p.m. at the school (take a left at the piano, 1st classroom on the left). All are welcome to attend! If you would like to help with the event but can't attend this meeting, please contact Kerry Benjamin at (781) 706-3454 or kbenjamin1@verizon.net.

VOLUNTEERING AT SSCPS

In order to Volunteer at the school you must:

1. Take part in a volunteer orientation. Please contact Ted Hirsch to schedule a time...
2. Complete and pass a CORI check. This must be done YEARLY with Pam Algera or Kristine Shipps
3. Read and sign a confidentiality agreement. This also must be done every year.

If you have any questions about volunteering, please contact Jessica Lussier at jesslussier@comcast.net

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES



Fall Campus Clean-Up

Get some exercise while spending a few hours outdoors with your kids, meet other families, and strengthen friendships all while helping clean up the school grounds before winter hits! The fun fall cleanup at SSCPS is scheduled for Saturday, November 20th from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. A rain date is scheduled for Sunday the 21st. The purpose of the cleanup is to get the school grounds ready for winter by raking leaves, trimming plants, sweeping, and generally making the outside of the school look neat. We encourage you to bring the whole family and help our school with this effort, but please remember that children cannot be dropped off at this event. Please feel free to bring any of the following tools: work gloves, rakes, shovels, brooms, clippers and leaf blowers as well as tarps. This is also a great opportunity for students to earn Community Service Hours. The building will not be open during the 3 hours except to use the bathroom so please plan accordingly. Contact Karen Crays for more information or questions, karencrays@yahoo.com. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in keeping our school green and clean! See you November 20th!



For the 2nd year in a row, SSCPS is proud to be partnering with Anton's Cleaners in their annual **Coats for Kids** drive. We will be accepting donations of gently used, warm winter coats and jackets for all ages, including adult sizes. Please make sure the coats being donated do not have any rips or tears, zippers work, and they don't have permanent stains on them. Boxes will be put in the front lobby for your donations beginning on Monday, November 8th thru January 8th, 2011.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

On going for 2010-2011

Part Time Development Assistant

On-Call Substitute Teachers

On-Call Substitute Teacher Aides

Send cover letter, resume and list of references to Kristine Shipps, Business Manager.

WEEKLY UPDATES ARE EMAILED AND POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.SSCPS.ORG EVERY WEDNESDAY – TO RECEIVE A PAPER COPY PLEASE CONTACT PAM ALGERA EXT. 103 OR EMAIL PALGERA@SSCPS.ORG

Parent's Association Meeting
November 6, 2010
AGENDA

- 9:00 **Meeting Called to Order**
- 9:00 – 9:05 **Review and Approve October Minutes**
- 9:05 – 9:10 **Announcements**
- Next Meeting – **Note Date Change, Wednesday, December 8, 2010 at 7pm**
 - Upcoming Events
 - Vendor Fair
 - Golf Outing and Auction
- 9:10 – 9:25 **School Reports**
- Alicia Savage
 - Ted Hirsch
 - Jackie Perry
- 9:25 -9:35 **After School Program Update**
- Alicia Savage / Lisa Harvey Mone
- 9:35 - 9:55 **Committee Reports**
- Fundraising - Gwen Watchorn
 - Welcoming & Events – Kerry Griffin
 - SEPAC – Karen Boyle / Kerry Benjamin
 - Library – Beth Toma
 - Health & Safety – Yeemay Miller
 - Arts & Music – Jennifer White
 - Volunteer – Jessica Lussier
 - Community Service – Karen Crays
- 9:55 – 10:05 **Grade Representative Reports**
- 10:05 – 10:10 **Treasurers' Report**
- 10:10 – 10:20 **Old Business / New Business**
- 10:20 **Adjourn**
- Angie Pepin to deliver a presentation on Bullying immediately following PA meeting



Dear Parents:

Welcome to the start of a new school year and another year of A+ School Rewards. Starting October 8, 2010 through March 25, 2011, **South Shore Public Charter School** will have the opportunity to earn cash through Stop&Shop A+ School Rewards Program.

All you have to do is:

Log on to www.stopandshop.com/aplus to register online

OR

Dial 1-877-275-2758 to register your card over the phone

After you register your card, each shopping trip at Stop&Shop using your Stop&Shop Card earns CASH for our school! Each month, the amount of CASH awarded will be updated on the Stop&Shop website. You can track the amount of points you earn for our school by checking your grocery receipt and online when you create an account at stopandshop.com. Our school will receive a check at the end of the program. The money can be used for any of our school's educational needs.

Remember, even if you registered your card last year, you must re-register this year for our school to receive credit. Attending to this simple process makes a HUGE difference to our school. We need your support.

Please be sure to register your card to benefit **South Shore Public Charter School using ID #08189**.

Also, don't forget to encourage your friends and relatives to do the same. It could mean the world to our children.

Longwater Bus offers safe and reliable
transportation from
Hull, Hingham, Cohasset, & Scituate
to SSCPS.



For more information, please contact
Amylemkin@gmail.com or 781-801-5557



SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

November, 2010



Catered by Essence of Thyme

Breakfast

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
1	Whole Wheat Cinnamon Roll Apple Juice Milk	2	No School	3	Cheerios Apple Juice Milk	4	Raisin Bran Apple Juice Milk	5	Honey Wheat Bagel Orange Juice Milk
8	Cinnamon Raisin Bagel Apple Juice Milk	9	Yogurt Grape Juice Milk	10	Frosted Mini-Wheats Apple Juice Milk	11	VETERAN'S DAY 	12	Raisin Bran Juice Milk
15	Yogurt Orange Juice Milk	16	Golden Grahams Orange Juice Milk	17	Whole Wheat Cinnamon Roll Grape Juice Milk	18	Cheerios Orange Juice Milk	19	Blueberry Muffin Apple Juice Milk
22	Yogurt Apple Juice Milk	23	Raisin Bran Apple Juice Milk	24	Honey Wheat Bagel Orange Juice Milk	25		26	NO SCHOOL
29	Raisin Bran Orange Juice Milk	30	Cheerios Juice Milk	1	Frosted Mini Wheats Juice Milk	2.	Whole Wheat Cinnamon Roll Juice Milk	3.	Honey Wheat Bagel Juice Milk



SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL
Lunch - November, 2010

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Ziti and Meatballs Applesauce Broccoli Milk	2 NO SCHOOL	3 French Toast Sticks w/Syrup Sausage Pattie Baked Apple Slices Raisins Milk	4 Herbed Baked Chicken Scalloped Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Roll Milk	5 Pizza
8 Turkey Hot Dog Potato Puffs Baked Beans Milk	9 American Chop Suey Green Beans Apple Milk	10 Jamaican Beef Patty Mashed Potatoes Peas Milk	11 VETERAN'S DAY 	12 Pizza
15 BBQ Chicken Potatoes Au Gratin Corn Roll Milk	16 Hamburger on a Bun Potato Wedges California Medley Milk	17 Chicken Parmesan Ziti Broccoli Apple Milk	18 Steak and Cheese Sub Potato Puffs Peas Milk	19 Pizza
22 Chicken Quesadilla California Medley Grapes Milk	23 Ziti and Meatballs Baked Apple Slices Broccoli Milk	24 Early Release	25 THANKSGIVING 	26 NO SCHOOL
29 Chicken Nuggets Scalloped Potatoes Corn Roll Milk	30 Italian Hot Pocket Mixed Vegetables Orange Milk	1. Sweet & Sour Chicken Rice Stir Fry Veggies Fruit Milk	2. Beef & Bean Burrito Mexican Rice Corn Fruit Milk	3 Pizza

